

House Resolution 1803

By: Representatives Powell of the 29th, Ralston of the 7th, Teilhet of the 40th, Bearden of the 68th, Greene of the 149th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Milton E. "Buddy" Nix on the occasion of his retirement;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Milton E. "Buddy" Nix has long been recognized by the citizens of his
4 community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity
5 and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, a native of Commerce, Georgia, Mr. Nix earned a bachelor's degree in
7 journalism from the University of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Nix began his distinguished career in law enforcement as a Special Agent
9 of the United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations, where he attained the rank
10 of Captain and commanded investigative units at Charleston Air Force Base, Binh Thuy Air
11 Force Base in Vietnam, and Myrtle Beach Air Force Base; and

12 WHEREAS, following his service as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
13 military, Mr. Nix joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as a Special Agent where
14 he diligently and conscientiously served for 23 years; and

15 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the FBI, Mr. Nix held several positions in field offices
16 around the country, including a supervisory role in the Criminal Informant/Witness Security
17 Programs Unit at FBI Headquarters and coordinator of the Organized Crime Drug
18 Enforcement Task Force for the Gulf Coast Region; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1993, Mr. Nix was appointed Director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation
20 (GBI) by Governor Zell Miller, a position he was re-appointed to with the change of
21 administration; and

22 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the GBI, the crime laboratory grew to provide up to
23 120,000 forensic services a year and developed a Georgia DNA database of convicted felons,
24 leading to the successful resolution and prosecution of over 120 violent crimes in Georgia;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Nix was appointed to the State Board of Pardons and Paroles by
27 Governor Roy Barnes, where he served as chairman until 2006 and was instrumental in
28 determining whether parole, reprieves, remissions, or pardons would be granted to offenders;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Nix has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
31 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and effective
32 commitment to excellence has been continually recognized by his peers; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
34 dedicated public service of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend the selfless dedication exhibited by Mr. Milton E.
37 "Buddy" Nix in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation for three decades, extend to
38 him their utmost appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for others the meaning
39 of public servant, and congratulate him on his retirement.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Milton E. "Buddy" Nix.